

Old World News Flashed by Cable to The Times-Dispatch

FRENCH SOCIETY IS IN FULL SWING

Talk of Moment Is Entertainment to Be Given at Chateau de Valliere.

ELABORATE SETTINGS

Rivalry Between Two Queens of Dinard Is Attracting Attention.

BY VANCE THOMPSON.

Paris, October 22.—French society is now in the full swing of the social whirl. The talk of the moment is the big entertainment which is to take place on October 25, at the Chateau de Valliere, owned by the Duke de Grammont. It is the duke's third wife who will do the honors of the fête on this occasion. His first wife was the Princess de Beauvau, a marriage "de convenance." His second wife was Miss Rothschild, daughter of Baron Rothschild of Frankfurt, a marriage of money; while the present duchess is an Italian Princess Ruspoli, a member of the Italian nobility, and this is a marriage of love.

The young Duchess de Grammont is very beautiful and very spirited, well known for her kindness and her admiration of Americans. The entertainment which is to open the season on the 25th of October, has been veiled in mystery, but your correspondent was fortunate enough to find out that it is to be an original comedy, written by the Baron de Senegat and Monsieur de Bousnot and that it is to be performed entirely by society folk.

At the time of the curtain the audience will see a magnificent drawing room, where are assembled all the famous personages of the court of Louis XIV. Marie Mancini, the King's favorite; Madame La Valliere, Conde, the Duke of Guise, and others. The King, to escape the restraints of court etiquette proposes taking them all to Paris to witness the happenings of the year 1910.

Once in Paris the fun begins, for 220 years made a difference in the mode of living, clothes, events and so on. The King plays the part of "Comere," Marie Mancini that of "Comerece." The first act is written in stately verse as becomes the stately setting of the court. The second is written in colloquial slang, up-to-date French.

The court ladies appear in hobble skirts and one figure as a female Apache. The fun is enhanced by songs and dances, parodying the latest modern events. The young Duchess de Grammont will play the part of Marie Mancini, seconded by Madame de Senegat and a long list of social leaders of the old French nobility.

Who Shall Be Queen of Dinard? French and English aristocracy, and American millionaires have now deserted the fashionable seaside resorts, and Mrs. Hughes Hallett's villa "Mont Plaisir" has taken on a weary and wintry look. This villa, so gay during the season, is now occupied by Mrs. Hallett and one servant. Every year the Queen of Dinard thus goes into retirement.

Mrs. Hallett is a well known American society woman, the widow of an English member of Parliament. She was originally from Philadelphia, but lived many years abroad. She is now seventy-seven years of age, and is still the undisputed social leader of the fashionable resort of Dinard, though she has a formidable rival this season in Mrs. Jarvis, of New York, an immensely wealthy woman, who entertained her youthful appearance and strength for social functions by sympathy.

Of course a great rivalry exists between the two Queens, but Mrs. Hallett will not be easily deposed. She is an immense social favorite, and preserves her youthful appearance and strength for social functions by sympathy.

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tematic exercise. She has just taken up fencing, and also trains two hours daily in Sandow exercises.

The recent season of Dinard closed with a battle of flowers. Mrs. Hallett's carriage was covered with immortelles in the shape of a huge crown, said to be symbolic of the Queen's everlasting youth and undisputed social sway.

Miss Laura Barney's Aspirations. Miss Laura Barney, the well known American sculptress, has just finished a bust of her beautiful sister Nathalie, and after the fuss raised by recent incidents in Washington, Miss Laura does not intend to exhibit this bust. It is on view in her studio, and may be seen by friends and admirers of her great talent.

She is a young and very handsome girl, who before taking up sculpture studied for the stage, with the intention of becoming an actress. She studied under Mlle. Simone Le Baray, famous for her performance of the Fleer Pleasant in "Chantecler" and Mounet Sully, the great French actor and member of the Comedie Francaise. After two years Miss Barney decided that the stage was too exacting a profession, and its moral uplift rather heavy for her young shoulders.

As this was her chief reason for entering the dramatic field she abandoned it for sculpture and social problems, in which she is greatly interested. Miss Barney speaks fluent French and Persian. She studied Persian in order to familiarize herself with the "Bahai" movement, a religious movement of universal faith which has its cradle in Persia. The young artist has embraced this faith, and will give a series of conferences this coming winter on its teachings.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR SON'S DEBTS

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] London, October 22.—Quite a sensation has been caused in society by the announcement in the public press by Sir Julius Wernher, the South African diamond millionaire and director of the De Beers diamond mine, that on Wednesday next he will not be responsible for his son's debts. Young Derrick Wernher, who is the heir to his father's vast fortune, only came of age on the 1st of June last, when a celebration was celebrated by Sir Julius and Lady Wernher in the most lavish style.

The young man's progress has been very fast, and it is certain that Sir Julius, who is averse to his name appearing in the press, should have advertised the matter in the newspapers from Bath House, his palatial residence in Piccadilly. What the exact escapades are that young Wernher has been guilty of cannot be ascertained at present, as all the friends of the family have been enjoined to keep their own counsel, but it was never thought for a moment that his father would make his family trouble public. Friends admit that even the restraining hand of Lady Wernher was powerless in dissuading him from publicly repudiating his son's liabilities.

It is assumed from this that young Derrick must have been showing the way to even the most blighted of youths "about town." The disclosure has created not a little excitement, and society is wondering whether the irate father will cut off his son with the proverbial shilling.

KING MANUEL IS BOOKED FOR PARIS

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] Paris, October 22.—King Manuel, of Portugal, it is said, is sure to come to Paris in the near future. Kings in exile invariably do, especially when like this King, they have plenty of money. Paris will welcome King Manuel when he gets tired of the sedate English life at Wood Norton. He will be ornamental on the boulevards. The news that young and beautiful Princess Gaby Deshayes, Mlle. Gaby probably is going to America, so you will have the opportunity of judging whether the boy King has good taste or not.

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SEEKING TO SELL PLAY IN NEW YORK

Mrs. George Cornwallis West Hopes to Find Buyer for Her Wares.

MARTIN ACTS AS AGENT

Winston Churchill Is Proving a Very Live Home Secretary.

By CHESTER OVERTON.

London, October 22.—Frederick Townsend Martin has been commissioned by Mrs. George Cornwallis West as envoy plenipotentiary to sell her play in New York, and he will sail on this voyage of hope early in November. It is an open secret that Mrs. West's son, Winston Churchill, the Home Secretary, has given his mother a good deal of advice and assistance in the construction of the play. Should the play be accepted Mrs. West will go to New York, and remain there for the whole time in many years for the first time. Her young husband, who manages to get a good deal of enjoyment out of life, will accompany her.

Winston Churchill, who England has had in many years. He recently paid a series of surprise visits to the prisons and released several juvenile offenders. He is already the terror of county magistrates whose pleasure it is to inflict the harshest punishment on offenders.

His beautiful wife, who did not take the faintest interest in either political or social, as distinguished from society matters before her marriage, has now caught the enthusiasm of her husband. She has become a member of the Personal Service League, which was founded partly by Mrs. Asquith.

Hostesses and the House. The regular wife of the financier, Sir Edgar Speyer, has taken No. 23 Cavendish Square, the former Asquith residence, for six months. Lady Speyer, who was formerly the Countess Leonora von Slouch, is an American, and is a professional violinist, and gives charming musicals in which she is the star performer, at her house in Grosvenor Street.

The regular shuffle is going on now among Americans as to their houses. Mrs. Charles Coventry, can divorce her first husband, Mr. McCreery, will not be able to get into her new house in Brook Street until nearly Christmas.

Lady Newborough, Mrs. Chauncy's sister, has given up her home in Portland Square. Alfred Vanderbilt has closed his gorgeous flat in Piccadilly and intends to spend his whole winter in New York.

Mrs. Anthony Drexel and her sister, Mrs. James Henry Smith, are installed in Grosvenor Square.

Mrs. Maudie Drimmond is fixed for the winter in Carlton House Terrace. Lady Granard, who is staying with the Duchess of Roxburghe, in Scotland, is expected at Forbes House, Belgrave Square, next week. She will give two brilliant receptions on November to the Liberal party leaders. All London is anxious to see the interior of this much discussed house, which is now practically completed.

Brought in "Doped" Dog. Sleeping draughts for dogs is the secret wrapped in the bosom of Baroness Von Koenig, a lively German woman, well known in Berlin and London. The baroness has told only her dearest friends of her secret, with strict injunctions not to breathe a word, so it was known all over London by yesterday. The baroness said to her friends in broken English: "You know my dog Fifi. You know also the stupid English law that no dog, big or small, can England enter without being locked up—what you call quarantine. Well, Fifi has traveled with me in America and Japan—everywhere. But Fifi she barks much when she is excited; so I go to a chemist in Paris, and he makes me a secret recipe for a sleeping draught for Fifi; no you can harm her, but make her what you call snore."

"Yesterday, before we arrive at Calais, I give Fifi the draught and put her in a large bag. On the boat I take Fifi out of the bag and put her under the rug over my feet. The customs man comes and to him my husband shows the almost empty bag. At Dover I put Fifi in the bag and run to my motor. In London Fifi wakes up and yawns, and so I beat the stupid English law."

The baroness has entrusted the recipe to an up-to-date West End chemist, and he prescribes a great run on his store until the customs officials learn of it, as perhaps they may do from reading this.

TRAVELERS WILL HOLD CONVENTION

Annual Meeting to Be Held in Richmond on Next Saturday.

Feeling that the organization has accomplished a good year's work, the delegates to the annual convention of the Virginia Travelers' Association will gather in Richmond on Saturday, October 22.

The sessions of the convention will be held in Smithfield Hall. The meeting will be called to order by the president, George W. Hancock, of Lynchburg.

Aside from the annual election of officers, the association will further consider what moves it can make for the betterment of conditions under which the drummers of Virginia live, move and have their being. The members feel that they had a large part in securing the passage of the hotel bill at the last session of the Legislature, which was hailed with such glad acclaim by all those who are forced to travel to any extent among the smaller towns of the State. This law is being put into effect by the State Health Department. Other organizations, of course, did their best in helping the passage of this measure, but the Virginia Travelers' Association bore a prominent part in the campaign.

The sessions will be concluded on Saturday night.

PAPERS FEATURE CRIPPEN TRIAL

Case Overshadows All Other Subjects of Public Interest.

ARRAIGNMENT OF IDLE RICH

American Constitution Favored as Model by Noted Englishman.

BY WILLIAM T. STEAD.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] London, October 22.—The week has been fertile in sensations, which have followed each other so rapidly that the public has hardly had time to take its breath. It opened with the splendidly dramatic flight of the Clement Bayard airship from Paris to London in six hours, an event compelling the most sluggish imagination to realize some of the revolutionary possibilities latent in the conquest of the air.

Then followed the immortal speech of Lloyd-George, arraigning the idle rich, the echoes of which have hardly ceased to reverberate when attention was called over to the magnificent audacity of Wellman's attempt to cross the Atlantic in the air. Then followed the alarmist stories, soon contradicted, as to the approaching partition of Persia. Quick on the heels of this came the alarmist speech, demanding the expenditure of one last shilling, if necessary, in maintaining the supremacy of the British navy.

Then, at last, the political atmosphere has been thick with rumors as to the recasting of the British constitution, as to the probable outcome of the conference in London on a basis of home rule all-round, or Imperial federation beginning at home.

But, notwithstanding all these thrilling and vitally important sensations, the Crispin trial has held undisputed possession of the limelight. It overshadowed all other topics of conversation, and the newspapers have with one consent treated it as the topic of the week. Whatever else is doubtful, it is clear that Crispin trial, one thing is clear, it is a Crispin party now the public is divided into two camps. The majority thought him guilty, but after Crispin's appeal was heard, they believed it would be impossible to secure a verdict of guilty.

Lloyd-George is Revolutionary. The Crispin trial will soon be a thing of the past. It is far otherwise with the speech of Lloyd-George, delivered on the 19th, which has seldom heard the Chamberlain of the House speak more seriously, more eloquently, or with more effect. When he had finished his measured, but impassioned speech, the House rose and the speaker and his confident appeal to the nation to undertake a revolutionary change in the distribution of wealth. The speaker expressed the unanimous opinion of all present that Lloyd-George would inevitably be the next Liberal Prime Minister.

The speech, which seems to be a menace to all vested interests and monopolies which are opposed to the welfare of the people, was heard by the Times as an admirable example of sincerity, moderation and philosophic method. This declaration by the Times excited even more enthusiasm than the Lloyd-George philippic against the idle rich.

Mr. Balfour's sensational demand for a navy loan, if necessary, to restore the threatened naval supremacy of Britain was more mischievous than good. It had demonstrated the need for some plain, simple standard of naval strength, such as is supplied by the two keels to one formula. He shirked this.

He might have done good service by defending the two pounds to one formula. It is to say the definition that for every pound spent by the strongest European naval power on the navy Britain would spend two. But he evaded that point. The speech was a plea for the multiplication of superdreadnoughts of the type in favor of the old type, but it was a head and shoulders above the rest. It is a doubtful question whether in 1915 a single Dreadnought will be able to keep.

Favors American Model. Lord Escher, writing under the title of "Pacificus," has begun a series of papers in the Times on the conference, which he regards as having inaugurated a new era in constitutional government. The sittings of the conference, which were suspended last week, but there is expectation in the air that when Parliament meets its members will have to admit that no tinkering compromise and shilly-shally is the only way out is a real constitutional remodeling, which, however it is discussed, is more or less refashioning the British Empire on the general lines of the American Constitution.

On November 12, Admiral Lord Fisher, the great sea captain, who more than any other man has made the true Nelson touch, will sail for America to be present at the wedding of the club hopes of the future.

There is no atom of truth in the absurd canard that the British government is contemplating the acquisition of a Danish, or any other island, in the West Indies. It is not in that direction that British eyes are turning. I march on at the preternatural rapidity of the Washington Northbound, and see eager to swallow any fable as long as it serves to justify the British Empire on the general lines of the American Constitution.

GERMAN COURSE LENGTHENED. Fourth Year Added at Emory and Henry—Other College News Notes. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Emory, Va., October 22.—Professor A. G. Williams begins his fourth year in charge of the modern language department of Emory and Henry College. Introduced for the first time in the history of the institution is a four-year course in German. Classes are increased this year, and great interest is manifested in the work. Ansel St. John, formerly of Beirut, Syria, wife of the physicist and biology professor, is assistant in this department, teaching preparatory French.

The chemistry department is temporarily in charge of S. A. McNeely, B. S. A. B. of Agriculture, Oklahoma, and mechanical College, Oklahoma, and University of Kansas, during Professor King's attendance at Johns Hopkins, and the course will be practically the same as last year.

Professors James W. Cole and J. R. Hunter, co-principals in charge of the college preparatory department, report about the same attendance as last year. A College Club of eleven members, has been organized by Professor McNeely, who is a musician of no mean ability, and under his training the club hopes to be a second to none in the State. A program for the college year is being arranged that is hoped to furnish much enjoyment not only in the winter, but in the summer.

Manager C. E. Smith is communicating with Annapolis Naval Academy and St. John's for the purpose of arranging games for the basketball team.

DECLARES PEARY'S CLAIM NOT VALID

Eminent Astronomer Finds Nothing to Support Explorer's Assertions.

RECORDS REVEAL NOTHING

Full Details of Scientific Repudiation Will Be Published.

BY COUNT VON ELPHBERG.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] Berlin, October 22.—Coincidentally with Commander Peary's promotion to a captaincy, that really eminent astronomer, Professor Andreas Galle, chief of the Geodetical Institute, after a careful investigation, insists that the explorer's claim is not valid. He declares that the Peary records reveal nothing from a scientific viewpoint that confirms his claim.

Professor Galle firmly believes that Peary did not reach the pole, but passed it on one side. He says the figures published by Peary are of insufficient scientific value to determine the point, and unless fresh data is forthcoming to determine his position, and alleges that Peary has accomplished his object.

The professor says that Peary did not possess instruments necessary to determine his position, and alleges further that Peary did not possess the requisite astronomical knowledge. Peary, he says, could not know he was going directly northwards during the latter part of his journey. Professor Galle says the only accurate method to find the pole would be that of using the theodolite for ascertaining the height of the stars, but Peary did not use this method.

Professor Galle says it is unfortunate, to use a mild term, that Peary should have reached the pole, as he says he has been deceived, and that the day the sun was too low on the horizon to allow of accurate observations. The fact that the sun was always in front

of him does not prove that Peary was going toward the pole.

Will Be Published. Professor Galle will publish the full scientific details of his repudiation of Peary's claims in the forthcoming issue of the Deutsche Revue. He concludes: "Nobody can claim to have reached the pole unless he has observations taken upon a scientific basis to prove it, and Peary's observations were not scientific. Peary hardly seems to have had any idea of the value of the observations which he took. They were, in fact, in a scientific sense almost worthless."

Another professor has also hopped into the limelight this week, and has taken up the question about the differences about light-haired and dark-haired people. This is Professor Dr. Landendorf, of the University of Leipzig, who has taken up the question of the eternal discussion of the superiority of blondes over brunettes.

The scientific data and data which he has collected are appalling in their minuteness and volume. To reduce the bulk, he has condensed it into something like a brief, he concludes that 90 per cent. of the world's great literary men—artists, musicians, philosophers and scholars, as well as all people who have ethical ideas and high moral principles, are blondes. Black-haired people he says are money earners and brutal oppressors.

Statistics show that 80 per cent. of the gamblers, swindlers, usurers and murderers are brunettes. Landendorf's notes with grief that dark-haired people are getting money and oppressing the fair-haired people, and even by the way, the fight against the dominance of their stronger, but morally inferior black-haired conquerors.

NEWTON TALKS OF CRIPPEN'S CASE

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] London, October 22.—Arthur J. Newton, Dr. Hawley Crippen's attorney, who has worked hard for three months preparing the defense for his client, gave The Times-Dispatch correspondent to-day his opinion of the outcome of the trial. Chatting in the lobby of the New Bailey, within a few yards of where Crispin sat, impudently listening to the evidence, Mr. Newton said:

"Crispin is very hopeful regarding the result of his trial. The worst that can happen will be disagreement of the jury, necessitating a new trial. But there is no alternative verdict of guilty we shall immediately lodge an appeal in the Court of Criminal Appeals, where the whole point of the case is a clear evidence fixing absolutely the identity of the remains found in Dr. Crispin's house. This can be done because the Court of Criminal Appeals will adjudicate solely upon the legal point of the identity of the remains."

"Roughly speaking, you cannot hang a man for killing another unless you can ascertain who and what his victim really was. It has never been established beyond a doubt of course, that the remains found in the cellar of the Hilldrop-Crescent house are those of Mrs. Crispin. In our appeal this would be the sole point at issue. It is a very widely discussed question of a scar upon the piece of flesh found in the cellar this really is the point by the skin being pressed down by the clay and the pressure of the portion of a garment found with it."

"I do not think there has ever been a criminal trial in Great Britain which has caused more animated discussion than this. Maybe it will be one of those cases where the true issue can never be known."

BETTER LIGHT SERVICE WANTED IN LEXINGTON

New 200-Horse Power Steam Plant to Be Installed—Additional Canal and Train Desired. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lexington, Va., October 22.—A report to the Lexington Town Council from a special committee which has investigated the condition of the service furnished by the Lexington Light and Power Company, provides for the installation of a 200-horsepower steam plant, in addition to the present water power plant, in order to adequately provide lights for the town and its citizens. Six months is the time named in the report for the completion of the work. The complaint about lights is due to the drought, and the consequent extremely low water in North River, which furnishes the power for the plant.

Announcements were received in Lexington a few days ago announcing the marriage of Miss Mary Sue Crigler, of Lexington, to William Blair Wallace. The marriage took place in Seattle, Wash., Wednesday, October 20, at the home of a friend of the bride, Mrs. John Friend, who has visited in Lexington. Miss Crigler left Lexington early in October for Seattle. In the town of D. C. The sequel shows that from that city she crossed the continent and was married on the West coast. She and Mr. Wallace had been friends for years. He left Lexington a few years ago to seek his fortune in California. Mrs. Wallace is the older daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas Crigler, of Lexington, and for several years has been assistant to County Treasurer S. R. Moore.

A petition is being circulated in Lexington to the officials of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company, asking that an additional train be put on between Lexington and Buena Vista, in order to accommodate the public by connecting with the Norfolk and Western trains in that city. The additional train would leave Lexington about 12:30 and return to Lexington at about 3 o'clock.

BONI STILL AFTER CHURCH DIVORCE

Has Trumped Up Case Which He Believes Will Hold.

WANTS ANOTHER HEIRESS

His Engagement to Wealthy American May Be Event of Future.

BY MARQUIS DE CASTELLANE.

Paris, October 22.—Some months ago Count Boni de Castellane visited Rome with the view of obtaining the religious annulment of his marriage to Anna Gould, now the Princess de Sagan. There were many rumors about at that time that Count Boni intended to remarry, which was true. But it was all to no purpose, as the evidence submitted in Rome was not of a nature to warrant a church divorce.

Now, however, through perfectly reliable source comes the news that Count Boni has reopened his case before the papal court, and that he intends to marry as soon as he is free. This time the gossips are pricking up their ears, for it appears that Boni has been keeping his imagination working overtime, and he has managed to trump up some very good evidence. Indeed, this evidence is so simple that every one is wondering why neither he nor his lawyer thought of it before.

The Catholic Church decrees that its members must marry in their own parish, or, failing this, have present a priest from their own parish officially appointed to be present at the ceremony. Now this form was not observed at the marriage between Anna Gould and Count Boni, so he is confident the court at Rome will be obliged to set him free at last.

And now comes the question, who is the lady in the case, for of course there is bound to be a lady in the case, and also she is sure to be an American, for American heiresses run in Count Boni's family. His cousin, the Duke de Dino, married one; his cousin, the Duke de Valencey, married another; his cousin, Duke de Chaulnes, married a third, and to say nothing of his brother Jean, who has an American wife, and Sagan, also a cousin, who married Anna Gould. So this is why the count's friends think it is his fate to fall in line and also make an American heiress his bride.

I hope I am not too indiscreet in saying that this is just what Boni means to do, and despite the formal denial last spring it is counted as certain here that the heiress is one of the greatest in the United States.

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